

for the

Central District of California

(Briefly describe the property to be searched or identify the person by name and address)

Case No. 8:23-MJ-00044-DUTY

SUBJECT PARCELS

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in the Central District of California (*identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location*):

See Attachment A

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property described above, and that such search will reveal *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:

See Attachment B

Such affidavit(s) or testimony are incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before 14 days from the date of its issuance (*not to exceed 14 days*)

☒ in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ☐ at any time in the day or night because good cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to the U.S. Magistrate Judge on duty at the time of the return through a filing with the Clerk's Office.

☐ Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b), I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (*check the appropriate box*)

☐ for _____ days (*not to exceed 30*) ☐ until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of _____

Date and time issued: January 18, 2023, at 3:15 pm

DOUGLAS F. McCORMICK

Judge's signature

City and state: Santa Ana, CA

DOUGLAS F. McCORMICK, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

AUSA: Ann Luotto Wolf 213-393-8097

AO 93C (Rev. 8/18) Warrant by Telephone of Other Reliable Electronic Means (Page 2)

Return		
Case No.: 8:23-MJ-00044-DUTY	Date and time warrant executed: 01/19/23 0931 hours	Copy of warrant and inventory left with: USPS
Inventory made in the presence of : USPIS TFO Z. Sumpter		
Inventory of the property taken and name of any person(s) seized:		
<div style="margin-left: 40px;">EI569354576US \$12,000 US Currency Parcel Wrappings</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EL353756537US Nothing seized</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EI482623116US Nothing seized</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EJ828787567US \$24,450 US Currency Parcel wrappings</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EI478949743US \$5,300 US Currency Parcel Wrappings</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EI147828614US Nothing seized</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EJ872946784US Nothing seized</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EI471217868US \$58,500 US Currency Parcel wrappings</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">EI418473934US \$18,370 US Currency Parcel Wrappings</div>		
Certification		
<p>I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the designated judge.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 40px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Date: <u>01/21/2023</u></p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p><u>/s/ David Thompson</u> <i>Executing officer's signature</i></p> <p><u>USPIS TFO David Thompson</u> <i>Printed name and title</i></p> </div> </div>		

ATTACHMENT A

PARCELS TO BE SEARCHED

1. The SUBJECT PARCELS are the following nine United States Postal Service ("USPS") Priority Mail Express parcels (collectively referred to herein as the "SUBJECT PARCELS"), all of which are currently secured at the Chino Police Station located at 5450 Guardian Way, Chino, California:

a. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is a USPS Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI569354576US. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is a brown colored, medium-sized cardboard box. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is addressed to "Christian Alcala, 6700 Warner Ave. #27B, Huntington Beach CA 92647." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is "1784 Meadow Ln, Centerville MN 55038." SUBJECT PARCEL 1 was postmarked on January 12, 2023, in the 55038 ZIP code.

b. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is a USPS Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EL353756537US. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is a brown colored, medium-sized cardboard box. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is addressed to "Empress Organics, 9155 Archibald Ave Ste E, Rch Cucamonga, CA 91730." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is "Larry Williams, 1153 Oak St SW, Atlanta, GA 30310." SUBJECT PARCEL 2 was postmarked on January 10, 2023, in the 30310 ZIP code.

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The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 3 is "Israel Martinez, 137 Sloan Rd, Buda TX 78610." SUBJECT PARCEL 3 was postmarked on January 10, 2023, in the 78610 ZIP code.

d. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is a USPS Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EJ828787567US. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is a white colored USPS Flat Rate Envelope. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is addressed to "Conner Meade, 4225 Dana Rd, Newport Beach, CA 92663." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is "Dimitri Fernandez, 513 Wilson St, Winona, MN 55987." SUBJECT PARCEL 4 was postmarked on January 10, 2023, in the 55987 ZIP code.

e. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is a USPS Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI478949743US. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is a white colored, USPS Priority Mail Express Mailing Box. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is addressed to "Danny Nguyen, 16027 Brookhurst St Suite i-415, Fountain Valley, CA 92708." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is "Mekhi Russell, 2200 Bryant Ave S #206, Minneapolis MN 55405." SUBJECT PARCEL 5 was postmarked on January 12, 2023, in the 55403 ZIP code.

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ATTACHMENT B

ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

1. The following are the items to be seized from SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9, which constitute the fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) (Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance) and 843(b) (Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility (including the mails) to Facilitate the Distribution of a Controlled Substance):

- a. Any controlled substances, including marijuana;
- b. Currency, money orders, bank checks, or similar monetary instruments in aggregate quantities over \$1,000; and
- c. Any associated packaging.

AFFIDAVIT

I, David Thompson, being duly sworn, declare and state as follows:

I. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

1. I am a Task Force Officer ("TFO") with the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") and have been so employed since December of 2021. I am currently assigned as a TFO to the Contraband Interdiction and Investigations South Team of the Los Angeles Division, which is responsible for investigating drug trafficking violations involving the United States Mail. As such, I am an "investigative or law enforcement officer" of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7); that is, an officer of the United States empowered by law to conduct investigations of, and to make arrests for, offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2516. Prior to being assigned as a TFO with the USPIS, I worked patrol and investigations as a full-time sworn law enforcement officer with the Chino Police Department ("CPD"). I have been a sworn law enforcement officer since October 2013. I am a Police Officer within the meaning of Section 830.1 of the California Penal Code.

2. I have received training and have experience investigating violations of state and federal narcotics and money laundering laws, including, but not limited to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841, 846, 952, 959 and 963 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a). I have been involved in various electronic surveillance methods including

state and federal wiretap investigations and the debriefing of informants and witnesses, as well as others who have knowledge of the manufacturing, distribution, transportation, storage, and importation of controlled substances and the laundering of drug proceeds.

3. I have participated in many aspects of drug investigations, including investigations into the smuggling of illegal drugs, money laundering, and extortion related to drug trafficking. I am familiar with narcotics traffickers' methods of operation, including the manufacturing, storage, transportation, and distribution of narcotics, the collection of money that represents the proceeds of narcotics trafficking, and money laundering. I am also familiar with how narcotics traffickers transport and distribute narcotics in areas they control. I am familiar with drug traffickers' use of counter-surveillance techniques to avoid detection by law enforcement. I also know that drug traffickers often communicate with their drug-trafficking associates through cellular telephones. I have become aware that more sophisticated drug trafficking networks now utilize the dark web, e-mail, Voice over Internet Protocol, video chat, internet messaging services, and social networking sites to communicate with one another. During drug-related communications, traffickers often use coded or cryptic language to disguise the drug-related nature of their conversations.

II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT

4. This affidavit is made in support of a search warrant for the SUBJECT PARCELS described below in paragraph 6 and

Attachment A, for the items listed in paragraph 7 and Attachment B. The items to be seized constitute the fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) (Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance) and 843(b) (Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility to Facilitate the Distribution of a Controlled Substance).

5. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based upon my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from various law enforcement personnel and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not purport to set forth all my knowledge of or investigation into this matter. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all conversations and statements described in this affidavit are related in substance and in part only.

III. PARCELS TO BE SEARCHED

6. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a search warrant for nine United States Postal Service ("USPS") Priority Mail Express parcels described below and in Attachment A (collectively referred to herein as the "SUBJECT PARCELS"). Attachment A is incorporated herein by reference. All the SUBJECT PARCELS are currently secured at the Chino Police Department located at 5450 Guardian Way, Chino, California:

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IV. ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

7. The items to be seized from the SUBJECT PARCELS constitute fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 843(b). The items to be seized are identified in Attachment B and are incorporated herein by reference.

V. STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

A. Background

8. As described in detail below, the SUBJECT PARCELS are all inbound parcels to the greater Orange County and Los Angeles areas from multiple regions of the United States and were selected for investigation because they met certain criteria common to packages containing contraband. The SUBJECT PARCELS

are believed to contain controlled substances or the proceeds from the trafficking of controlled substances based on, among other things, positive alerts by a trained narcotics-detection canine.

9. Based on my training and discussions with experienced Postal Inspectors, I know that Postal Inspectors have been conducting investigations of drug trafficking via USPS Express Mail and Priority Mail since the mid-1980s. In particular, they began conducting organized interdictions of Express Mail and Priority Mail parcels suspected of containing controlled substances and proceeds from the sale of controlled substances in Los Angeles, California, in the early 1990s. Along with conducting organized interdictions, Postal Inspectors also regularly examine and investigate Express Mail and Priority Mail parcels throughout the year. During the 1990s, Postal Inspectors observed that the trend was for drug traffickers to send controlled substances and proceeds from the sale of controlled substances using boxes, with the proceeds in the form of cash. Although Postal Inspectors still see the use of boxes for controlled substances and cash, there has been a gradual change over the years toward the current trend of smaller boxes, flat cardboard envelopes, and Tyvek envelopes, with proceeds from the sale of controlled substances converted to money orders. By using money orders, drug traffickers can send large dollar amounts in compact form, using much smaller conveyances that lend a sense of legitimacy to the parcel.

10. From my training, personal experience, and the collective experiences related to me by Postal Inspectors on my team who specialize in investigations relating to the mailing of controlled substances and drug proceeds, I am aware that the greater Los Angeles area is a major source area for controlled substances. As such, controlled substances are frequently transported from the greater Los Angeles area via the United States Mail, and the proceeds from the sale of the controlled substances are frequently returned to the greater Los Angeles area via the United States Mail. These proceeds are generally in large amounts of money over \$1,000.

11. I also know based on my training and experience that drug traffickers will often use one of two USPS services: Priority Mail Express Service, which is the overnight/next day delivery mail service, and Priority Mail Service, which is the two-to-three day delivery mail service. Drug traffickers use Priority Mail Express delivery services because of their speed, reliability, and the ability to track the package's progress to the intended delivery point. Drug traffickers often use Priority Mail delivery services because they allow drug traffickers more time for travel between states if they are following their shipments to their destinations for distribution. Like Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail also allows drug traffickers to track the package's progress to the intended delivery point.

12. Based on information derived and built upon over many years, I, like other Postal Inspectors and TFOs, initially look

for certain characteristics when examining Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail for controlled substances or drug proceeds.

These characteristics include:

- a. The article is contained in a box, flat cardboard mailer, or Tyvek envelope;
- b. The article bears a handwritten label; and/or
- c. The handwritten label on the article does not contain a business account number.

13. Parcels found to meet these characteristics are scrutinized by Postal Inspectors and TFOs through further investigation, which may include return and addressee address verifications and trained narcotics-detecting canine examination. Postal Inspectors and TFOs will also look for additional drug or drug proceed parcel characteristics such as:

- a. The seams of the article are taped or glued shut;
- b. The article emits the odor of a cleaning agent, adhesive, or spray foam detectable by a human; and/or
- c. Multiple articles are mailed to the same individual, on the same day, from different locations.

14. Based on my training and experiences and information learned during discussions with Postal Inspectors, I know that drug traffickers often use fictitious or incomplete names and/or addresses in an effort to conceal their identity from law enforcement. Indeed, it is my experience that when real addresses are used, it is only to lend a legitimate appearance to the parcel and is almost always paired with a false name.

B. Investigation of the SUBJECT PARCELS

15. Between January 10, 2023, and January 13, 2023, during routine parcel profiling inspections at the City of Industry USPS Processing and Distribution Center, the SUBJECT PARCELS were identified as meeting some of the initial suspicious characteristics described above in paragraphs 12 and 13. The inspection was designed to identify suspicious parcels being processed at USPS facilities. Specifically:

a. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 had a handwritten label in ink and did not contain a business account number. Based on my training and experience, I know that drug traffickers often hand-write addresses on parcels that do not verify with the USPS database and, thus, remain anonymous. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 also had excessive tape along all the seams and no phone numbers listed for the sender or recipient. Based on my training and experience, I know that drug traffickers often use a large amount of tape on the seams of packages containing narcotics to avoid detection by a narcotics-detection canine. In addition, from my training and experience, I know subjects who send or receive narcotics and proceeds from narcotics sales often do not write phone numbers on the parcel to avoid association by law enforcement to the parcel. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 did not have a sender name listed. Based on my training and experience, I know subjects who send and receive narcotics and proceeds from narcotics sales often omit a name from a parcel or use a false name to limit their connection to the illegal items.

b. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 had excessive tape along the seams, a handwritten label in ink, and no business account number. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 did not have a phone number listed for the recipient.

c. SUBJECT PARCEL 3 was wrapped in copious amounts of clear packaging tape around all the seams, had a handwritten label in ink, and did not contain a business account number. SUBJECT PARCEL 3 did not have any phone numbers listed on the parcel.

d. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 had a handwritten label in ink and did not contain a business account number. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 did not have any phone numbers listed on the parcel. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is addressed to the same location as SUBJECT PARCEL 9, but with different names.

e. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 had packaging tape around its seams, a handwritten label in ink, and no business account number. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 did not have any phone numbers listed.

f. SUBJECT PARCEL 6 had copious amounts of packaging tape around its seams, a handwritten label in ink, and no business account number.

g. SUBJECT PARCEL 7 had a handwritten label in ink, no business account number, and no phone number listed for the recipient.

h. SUBJECT PARCEL 8 had a handwritten label in ink, no business account number, and no phone numbers listed.

i. SUBJECT PARCEL 9 had copious amounts of tape wrapped around the parcel, a handwritten label in ink, and no

business account number. SUBJECT PARCEL 9 did not have any phone numbers listed on the parcel. SUBJECT PARCEL 9 is addressed to the same location as SUBJECT PARCEL 4, but with different names.

16. Further, SUBJECT PARCELS 5, 6, and 8 were mailed from a postal facility other than the ZIP code listed for the sender. I know that drug traffickers often mail from postal facilities other than those located in their respective ZIP code to further mask their association with the parcel.

C. Investigation of SUBJECT PARCELS Using CLEAR Database Checks

17. On January 18, 2023, I examined the SUBJECT PARCELS and reviewed CLEAR database¹ records related to the sender and recipient information listed on the SUBJECT PARCELS and learned the following:

a. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 1, the parcel did not contain a sender name. The listed recipient, "Christian Alcala," has never been associated with the listed recipient address.

b. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 2, over one year ago, the listed sender, "Larry Williams," was associated with the return address listed on the parcel. The listed recipient, "Empress Organics," was not associated with the listed recipient address.

¹ CLEAR is a public information database used by law enforcement that provides names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other identifying information.

c. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 3, the listed sender, "Israel Martinez," was not associated with the return address. The listed recipient, "Jazselynn Romo," was associated with the listed recipient address in May 2022.

d. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 4, the listed sender, "Dimitri Fernandez," was not associated with the return address. Similarly, there was no association between the recipient address and the listed recipient, "Conner Meade."chino

e. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 5, the listed sender, "Mekhi Russell," was not associated with the return address. In addition, the listed recipient, "Danny Nguyen," was not associated with the listed recipient address.

f. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 6, there was no association between the listed sender, "Sergio Monti," and the return address. There was also no association between the listed recipient, "Allan Gaabisi," and the listed recipient address.

g. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 7, there was an association between the listed sender, "Ramessu Ali Bey," and the listed sender address, as well as between the listed recipient, "Joanna Cain," and the listed recipient address.

h. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 8, there was no association between the sender, "Danny Tapia," and the return address. There was also no association between the listed recipient, "Michael Cairo," and the listed recipient address.

i. With respect to SUBJECT PARCEL 9, there was no association between the sender, "Jermain Blake," and the return

address. There was also no association between the listed recipient, "Ryan Dascanio," and the listed recipient address.

D. Positive Canine Alert on the SUBJECT PARCELS

18. On January 17, 2023, CPD Officer Kristina Cortes and her narcotics-detection canine, "Halina," conducted an exterior examination of each of SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9. These exterior examinations were completed individually, with the use of decoy parcels. Officer Cortes told me that Halina gave a positive alert to each of these SUBJECT PARCELS, indicating the presence of controlled substances or other items that emitted the odor of controlled substances in the SUBJECT PARCELS. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1, which I incorporate fully herein by reference, are documents setting forth the training and experience of Officer Cortes and Halina in detecting controlled substances, and their examinations of the SUBJECT PARCELS.

VI. CONCLUSION

19. Based on the above, I believe there is probable cause to believe that the SUBJECT PARCELS described in Attachment A each contain evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 843(b).

Attested to by the applicant in
accordance with the requirements
of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone on this 18th day of
January 2023.

DOUGLAS F. McCORMICK

THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS F. McCORMICK
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

EXHIBIT 1

AFFIDAVIT

HANDLER KRISTINA CORTES AND K9 "HALINA"

I, **Officer Kristina Cortes**, attended the Adlerhorst Police Dog Handler Course in September 2020 with Police Service Dog (PSD) Halina. I received 240 hours of instruction in basic police dog handling skills. PSD Halina and I were certified as a patrol team in October 2020. In January 2022, PSD Halina and I attended the Adlerhorst Police Dog School Drug Detection Class. During this course, PSD Halina and I receive 240 hours of instruction in the detection of the odor of illegal drugs. In February 2022, PSD Halina and I passed a certification test in the detection of the odor of illegal drugs. During this course, I personally observed PSD Halina alert to the presence of the odor of an illegal drug. I am familiar and knowledgeable in the behaviors PSD Halina engages in when she detects the odor of illegal drugs.

I have been a Peace Officer since 2015 and have been present at hundreds of drug investigations since the start of my career. I have received formal training from the Long Beach Police Department and the Chino Police Department.

I do continual training with PSD Halina through Adlerhorst International and out in the field during patrol or training sites hosted by different police departments. The training includes various hiding locations including, but not limited to: vehicles, buildings, bags, parcels and open areas. This training also includes proofing PSD Halina on novel odors such as: plastic, boxes, latex, tape, metal, money (circulated and un-circulated) and food. I also proof PSD Halina off my human odor. This training is on-going and continual.

On 01-17-23 1740, TFO THOMPSON asked the assistance of PSD Halina and I in a narcotic parcel investigation. PSD Halina alerted to the presence of the odor of an illegal drug emitting from the following:

USPS parcel: EI 569 354 576 US

Addressed to: CHRISTIAN ALCALA
6700 WARNER AVE #27B
HUNTINGTON BEACH CA
92647


K9 Officer Kristina Cortes #4010
Chino Police Department

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USPS parcel: EL 353796537 US

Addressed to: EMPRESS ORGANICS
9155 ARCHIBALD AVE STEE
RCH CUCAMONGA, CA

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USPS parcel: EI 482 623 116 US

Addressed to: JAZSELYNNE ROMO
5736 FLORENCE AVE
SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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On 01-17-23 1733, TFO THOMPSON asked the assistance of PSD Halina and I in a narcotic parcel investigation. PSD Halina alerted to the presence of the odor of an illegal drug emitting from the following:

USPS parcel: EJ 828 787 567 US

Addressed to: CONNED MEADE
4225 DANA RD
NEWPORT BEACH, CA
92663-3603

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USPS parcel: EI 478 949 743 US

Addressed to: DANNY NGUYEN
16027 BROOKHURST ST SUITE
I-415
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708


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On 01-17-23 1715, TFO THOMPSON asked the assistance of PSD Halina and I in a narcotic parcel investigation. PSD Halina alerted to the presence of the odor of an illegal drug emitting from the following:

USPS parcel: EI 147828 614 US

Addressed to: ALLAN GARBISI
3553 ATLANTIC AV
LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA
90807

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USPS parcel: EJ 872 946 784 US

Addressed to: JOANNA CAIN
1219 WEST PIRU STREET
COMPTON, CA 90222

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On 01-17-23 1732, TFO THOMPSON asked the assistance of PSD Halina and I in a narcotic parcel investigation. PSD Halina alerted to the presence of the odor of an illegal drug emitting from the following:

USPS parcel: EI 471 217 868 US

Addressed to: MICHAEL CAIRO
403 MEMPHIS AVE
APT #3
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA
92648

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USPS parcel: EI 418 473 934 US

Addressed to: RYAN DASCANIO
4225 DANA RD
NEWPORT BEACH CA 92663-3603


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